



**Ministry of Economic Development of the
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Promoting Public and Private Partnership on Combating Corruption



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State-to-Business Dialogue on Combating Corruption

Combating corruption is one of the main issue of Russian domestic policy



Anticorruption issues in Russia are under special attention of civil society, inherent part of which is business community



One form of promoting the PPP on combating corruption is an establishing the effective mechanisms of state-to-business interaction



Business Community and Government Bodies Cooperation Working Group on Combating Corruption

Working group was formed in accordance with the resolution of the Council presidium on Combating Corruption under the President held on October 4, 2011.

Head of the Working group – Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation.

Working Group is a unique tool for establishing the effective Public-Private Partnership on combating corruption.



Key tasks of Working group in 2012

Key tasks 2012:

Participation of business community representatives in discussing draft of federal laws on entrepreneurship and investment areas if considered by Parliament;

Discussions on establishing the Lobbyism institute in Russia and its legislative regulation

Discussion and preparation of the Russian Anticorruption Charter for Business and Standards of Anticorruption Conduct for business community

Anticorruption issues regarding to the state procurements system

Defying the attitude of business community towards anticorruption assessment for legislative acts and its drafts



Establishing the Anticorruption Charter for Business and roadmap for its implementation

- ✓ Idea of establishing the business anticorruption standards through adoption of the Business Anticorruption Charter was suggested by Russian business associations.
- ✓ International experience regarding world standards of bringing-in the business liability was applied during the drawing up the Charter.
- ✓ After consideration the Business Anticorruption Charter and Roadmap were adopted by Working Group on June 29 2012.
- ✓ The signing the Charter and Roadmap by heads of main Russian business associations is planned in September 2012.



Anticorruption Charter for Business

Adoption of the Charter is reasonable for next aims:

- Anticorruption
conduct model

- Ethics norms

- Forming
standardized
anticorruption
practices

- Putting the
anticorruption
standards into
enterprise

The Charter's provisions prohibit the bribery actions that aimed public officials by entrepreneurs including foreign ones in any cases

After adoption the Charter is to provide conditions for entrepreneurs to establish in-house control measures, ethics norms and other programs due to adherence of the Charter provisions.



Roadmap of the Russian Business Anticorruption Charter

Roadmap will resolve the next technical issues:

Keeping the
Charter
participants
register

Accession
procedure to the
Charter for legal and
physical entities

Procedure of
public
confirmation of
the Charter
observance for
all participants

Mechanism of
litigation
settlement
regarding to
breach of the
Charter
provisions

For the first time when establishing the Anticorruption Charter, the necessity of special organized mechanism for its implementation (Roadmap) was allowed in the international practice.



International workshop on establishing the institute of lobbyism and legal regulation

✓ International workshop on establishing the institute of lobbyism, legal regulation and other lobbying issues was held in the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation on June 8 2012.

Participants of the workshop:

- UN Office on Drugs and Crime;
- OECD;
- Experts from Government of Canada, US Department of Justice, Russian government bodies;
- Experts from non-government organizations, business and academic circles.



Outcomes of International workshop on establishing the institute of lobbyism and legal regulation

✓ There is a huge diversity of regulatory and legislative norms related to the lobbyism in international practice:

- North-American model implies specified legal regulation;
- European model has more flexible and lenient organizing and legal mechanisms.

✓ By results of the workshop most of Russian participants stated that:

- It's more appropriable to implement some elements of European Lobbyism model on the first stage of forming the institute of Lobbyism in Russia;
- Such implementation can be carried out through making amendments to the current legislation.



Application of the Workshop outcomes

Workshop outcomes were introduced to the government bodies.

Further discussions on legal regulation of lobbying under the Russian Ministry of Economic Development will be continued on different formats including expert ones.

Due to the Workshop outcomes the concrete proposals on legislative norms related to the lobbyism will be prepared.

Finally, we are sincerely interested to exchange of best practices within the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and we propose to establish mutually beneficial cooperation in the frames of Working Group on Preferences.

